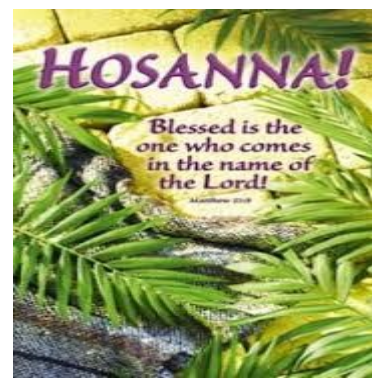


PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection *Donal Neary* **He has endured the cross**

Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

We will see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beaten and killed. We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life. We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.

We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received.

We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has endured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).

We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

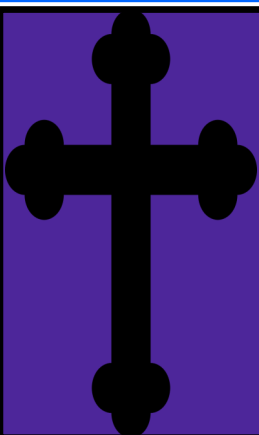
***Look at or imagine a crucifix, and pray as you feel drawn.
Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.***



Sincere sympathy to the families of

John Whelan late of Monkton Row

Josephine Carraher late of Glebemount



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

26th March 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €2110
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1420
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 875

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

First Reading : Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading : Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel : John 20: 1-9

A celebration in word and music of Easter,
featuring Children from St. Mary's NS
Barndarrig and the St. Mary's Church Choir
conducted by Geraldine Wadden
accompanied by Bridget Kenny

**"Behold
the Lamb"**

Please join us in St. Mary's, Barndarrig on
Palm Sunday at 3pm and stay for a cuppa

*Easter Schedules
are available at
the Church doors
which contains
full details of all the
Easter ceremonies
in the
Wicklow Pastoral
Area.*

*Penitential Service
Tuesday 4th April*

*Confessions
Holy Saturday
8th April from
10.30am till 12noon*

in Wicklow

The Pope's Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,
REAR OF BOOTS PHARMACY ABBEY
STREET, WICKLOW

0404 32696 OR 086 821 6694

WE ARE A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION
SET UP OVER TEN YEARS AGO TO
ASSIST THOSE HAVING TREATMENT
FOR CANCER IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE

WE HAVE VARIOUS OTHER SERVICES
AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT
US.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

every Wed afternoon at 2.30pm for
anyone struggling with depression
or anxiety or just the stresses of
life. Experience new hope and
meaning through working on issues
together in a peer support setting.
Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082
for more information or just turn up
at the Wicklow Parish Centre.
Small donations for group running
costs are welcome.

De La Salle Pastoral Centre

*Will be closing for Holy Week
on Wednesday 5th April at
10pm and will re-open on
Tuesday 11th April at 10am.*

*Wishing all our patrons a very
happy Easter.*



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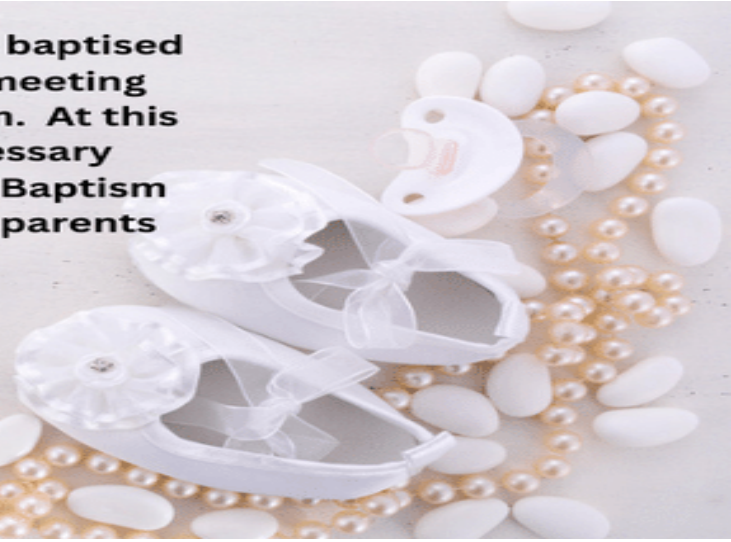
*Will close on
Wednesday
5th April for
the Easter
break and
will re - open
on Thursday
13th April at
10am.*

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

THURSDAY - 13TH APRIL

AT 8PM

IN THE PARISH CENTRE



Scripture Reflection

Making time to pause & reflect with others on the Sunday Gospels, on Wednesday mornings from 10.45am till 12noon in the Dominican Ecology Centre. Tea & coffee is provided and everyone is very welcome

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses / baptisms / weddings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

Contact number 61699.

PARISH EASTER MASS CARDS

There are a beautiful range of Easter Mass cards available in the Parish Office, costing €5. The intentions will be remembered at the monthly masses in Rathnew.

There is a church door collection after all Masses this weekend for the local Lourdes pilgrimage. Your support, as usual, would be very much appreciated.

Praying Together for Peace in Ukraine

Prayers for peace in Ukraine will continue on the first Saturday of each month, in St Patricks Church at 3pm. Everybody is very welcome to attend this prayerful half hour of praying for peace to end the conflict in war torn Ukraine.



LOURDES



WICKLOW RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Accompanied by Spiritual Director
Group Organiser: Nancy Colgan

19 August 2023

**5 Nights from Dublin Airport
€879 per person sharing**

- » Direct return flights
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports
- » Optional travel insurance from €39 per person

For information and bookings, please contact:

Nancy Colgan 086 1099112 Parish Office 0404 61699
Catherine Marah 0404 68389 Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956

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MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Led by Fr Pat O'Rourke

**11 October 2023
7 nights**

€799.00 per person

- » Return flights from Dublin Airport
- » Transfer to Medjugorje & return
- » 7 nights' accommodation close to St James Church
- » Breakfast & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme
- » Joe Walsh Tours Representative: Philip Ryan
- » Optional Travel Insurance
- » Single room supplement €154.00

For information please contact:

Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

**Booking for this years pilgrimages are now open -
easy pay schedule available**

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

DIARY DATES: APRIL

1st/2nd: Lourdes Collection

2nd: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Baptisms - Wicklow

6th: Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper

7th: Good Friday
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8th: Holy Saturday Vigil at 9pm

9th: Easter Sunday

16th: Baptisms - Wicklow /
Divine Mercy Sunday

22nd: Baptisms - Rathnew

29th: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Email Queries: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesdays, from 10.45am till 1.00pm/ Line Dancing 12 noon

Trip to Custom House & EPIC - The Immigration Museum - Wed 19th April

Spring Holiday to North Wales 15th -19th May.

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring

Pauline on 087 227 6760

FAMILY MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Calling all actors and actresses!!

We are looking for children to participate in the Good Friday Stations in the parish.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and give it a try!

You would be most welcome.

Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.



Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting.

Lent.
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

NIAMH TARRANT

30th March 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 3, 8, 12, 22

JACKPOT IS €5000

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444
or go to the website : www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review. A new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie.

Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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